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The hydrogenation of 2-ethylhexenal to 2-ethylhexanol in the liquid phase until now led to impure products having high bromine numbers. <??>Using the supported catalyst claimed, the hydrogenation is possible at comparatively low temperatures with a high catalyst loading. A very pure 2-ethylhexanol having low bromine numbers is obtained. <??>Preparation of the catalyst and of 2-ethylhexanol.

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